# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1222
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GROWTH OF TRADE AMONG SAARC COUNTRIES
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the growth of trade among SAARC countries after removal of trade barriers under WTO agreement;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the performance of India`s trade with other countries in comparison to SAARC nations during financial year 2000-2001?

## Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) & (b) : The WTO agreement came into effect from 1.1.1995.The details of India`s trade with other SAARC member countries namely Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka from 1994-95 onwards are given in the statement at Annexure-A.

(c) : India`s exports to and imports from all countries during the financial year 2000-2001 (April - November 2000) were worth Rs.128151.39 crores & Rs.155392.04 crores respectively out of which exports to and imports from SAARC member countries were worth Rs.4950.01 crores & Rs.1264.77 crores respectively.

ANNEXURE-A

Statement referred to in reply to Parts (a) and (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1222 for answer on 2.3.2001

STATEMENT SHOWING INDIA`S TRADE WITH SAARC MEMBER COUNTRIES

(Value in Rupees Crores)

| Country | 1994-95 | | 1995-96 | | 1996-97 | | 1997-98 | | 1998-99 | | 1999-2000 | | April-Nov,99 | | April-Nov,`00 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Export | Import | Export | Import | Export | Import | Export | Import | Export | Import | Export | Import | Export | Import | Export | Import |
| Bangladesh | 2024.13 | 119.85 | 3469.91 | 282.14 | 2912.41 | 210.42 | 2922.87 | 188.85 | 4188.50 | 262.52 | 2769.02 | 348.56 | 1739.93 | 194.04 | 2140.80 | 179.31 |
| Bhutan | 34.83 | 57.4 | 57.56 | 107.2 | 69.44 | 102.51 | 49.53 | 49.95 | 40.22 | 25.77 | 32.83 | 79.83 | 32.51 | 49.64 | 4.32 | 42.30 |
| Maldives | 48.28 | 0.73 | 52.52 | 0.55 | 36.08 | 0.61 | 32.46 | 0.89 | 35.24 | 0.22 | 33.85 | 1.40 | 20.93 | 0.83 | 78.97 | 0.37 |
| Nepal | 377 | 114.89 | 536.45 | 166.95 | 588.3 | 227.75 | 631.99 | 353.64 | 514.96 | 609.40 | 663.77 | 489.90 | 466.28 | 456.91 | 396.60 | 654.24 |
| Pakistan | 179.71 | 165.61 | 256.8 | 150.8 | 557.83 | 129.55 | 532.02 | 165.19 | 466.38 | 902.19 | 405.35 | 296.74 | 237.84 | 197.53 | 506.38 | 260.66 |
| Sri Lanka | 1151.08 | 96.49 | 1335.62 | 145.83 | 1678.25 | 189.06 | 1818.23 | 112.26 | 1839.01 | 158.50 | 2196.16 | 192.79 | 1368.21 | 137.23 | 1822.94 | 127.89 |
| TOTAL | 3815.03 | 554.97 | 5708.86 | 853.47 | 5841.22 | 859.88 | 6987.1 | 1052.78 | 7084.31 | 1958.6 | 6100.98 | 1409.22 | 3865.70 | 1036.18 | 4950.01 | 1264.77 |